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CLAIMS

1. A filter mechanism for a camera comprising at least one filter element, said at least one element being moveable into and out of a position whereby it covers an imaging element of the camera, said movement being by pivoting.
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2. A filter mechanism according to claim 1, wherein at least two filter elements are provided, each said element being mounted on a paddle which is pivotally mounted at one end thereof.
3. A filter mechanism according to claim 1 wherein the at
10 least two filter elements are mounted in angularly spaced positions on the said paddle relative to said pivot.
4. A filter mechanism according to claim 1 wherein a switching arrangement is provided to cause pivoting of said filter elements.
- 15 5. A filter mechanism according to claim 4, wherein said switching arrangement comprises a drive mechanism which when actuated causes the said paddle to pivot about said pivot.
6. A filter mechanism according to claim 5, wherein the drive mechanism comprises a solenoid pivotably connected to the pivot whereby actuation of a solenoid causes rotation of the pivot thereby pivoting said paddle.
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7. A filter mechanism according to claim 4 wherein the switching arrangement includes a biasing means and said pivot is rotated against the bias of the biasing means whereby, when the driving mechanism is de-actuated, said paddle returns to its initial position under the action of the biasing means.
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8. A filter mechanism according to claim 7 in which said biasing means comprises a return spring.